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SUBJECT: VISIT OF C.M. COSMAN, CONSULTANT WITH NATIONAL
COMMISSION ON SUPPLIES AND SHORTAGES, RE SOURCES OF
INFORMATION ON RAW MATERIALS AND STOCKPILES.

1. THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON SUPPLIES AND SHORTAGES (NCSS)
IS AN USG AGENCY CREATED BY CONGRESS IN 1974 TO STUDY THE
ROLE OF GOVERNMENT IN DEALING WITH COMMODITY SUPPLIES AND
SHORTAGES AND THE ROLE OF STOCKPILES AS A MEANS OF DEALING
WITH MATERIAL SHORTAGES. NCSS IS ALSO DETERMINING HOW THE
GOVERNMENT COLLECTS DATA WITH RESPECT TO SHORTAGES AND OTHER
MARKET ADVERSITIES AND HOW THE INFORMATION SHOULD BE
COORDINATED AND DISSEMINATED TO APPROPRIATE USG AGENCIES
AND TO CONGRESS. A REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT AND TO CONGRESS
IS DUE LATER IN THE YEAR.

2. MR. C.M. COSMAN, A CONSULTANT TO THE COMMISSION, IS
ASSIGNED TO COVER THOSE PORTIONS OF THE STUDY OUTLINING HOW
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FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS HANDLE COMMODITY SHORTAGES, SPECIFICALLY

THE SYSTEM BY WHICH GOVERNMENTS GATHER AND ANALYZE INFORMATION (INCLUDING TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE) UPON WHICH THEY BASE THEIR COMMODITY PROJECTIONS AND POLICIES. A FURTHER AREA OF THE STUDY WILL COVER WHAT FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS ARE DOING ALONG THE LINES OF STRATEGIC AND ECONOMIC STOCKPILING.

3. COSMAN'S TENTATIVE ITINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS:

LONDON - MAY 10-14
PARIS - MAY 17-21
BONN - MAY 24-26
HAGUE - MAY 28
BRUSSELS - MAY 31
LUXEMBOURG - JUNE 1-2
STOCKHOLM - JUNE 3-4

4. IDENTIFIED AS POSSIBLE CONTACTS SO FAR ARE: HAGUE-DR.

A. DE BLOEME, DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL RAW MATERIALS, MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, DR. A. GAUTIER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND PROF. H.C. POSTHUMUS-MEYJES, POLICY PLANNING, FOREIGN OFFICE, OR HIS DEPUTY, JAN GERBRAND BRUGGEMAN. PARIS: M. CLAUDE COLLIN, SOUS DIRECTEUR, AND M. MARC TESSIER, MINISTRE DE FINANCE, DIRECTION DES RELATIONS ECONOMIQUE EXTERIEURS; MINISTRE DE L'INDUSTRIE- DIRECTION DES MINES, M. DE WISSOCQ, DIRECTEUR, M. HUGON, CHEF DU SERVICE DES MINES, AND M. DIETRICH, COMMISSION D' APPROVISIONNMENT, MATIERES PREMIERS, AND M. BOURRELIER, BUREAU DE RECHERCHE GEOLOGIQUE ET MINIERE; ALSO M. JEAN PIERRE PAGE, COMMISARIAT AU PLAN.

5. ALL POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO ASSIST MR. COSMAN BY IDENTIFYING APPROPRIATE CONTACTS AND MAKING APPOINTMENTS ALONG THE LINES OUTLINED FOR THE COMMISSION STUDY. PARIS AND THE HAGUE PLEASE MAKE APPOINTMENTS AS APPROPRIATE WITH PERSONS LISTED ABOVE. WHILE TRAVEL SCHEDULE IS FAIRLY FIRM, SUGGEST POST NOT MAKE DEFINITE APPOINTMENTS UNTIL COSMAN ARRIVES. POSTS SHOULD HOWEVER IDENTIFY USEFUL PERSONS FOR COSMAN TO SEE AND MAY WISH TO ALERT THEM OF PROSPECTIVE VISIT.

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